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1. SUMMARY: IN SECOND DAY OF ANNUAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEBATE, FONMIN VAN DER STOEL TOLD SECOND CHAMBER FEBRUARY 26 THAT GON WILL NOT RECOGNIZE VIET CONG BUT PLANS TO INSTRUCT AMBASSADORS IN PARIS AND PEKING TO MAKE CONTACT WITH PRG TO ENCOURAGE IT TO CARRY OUT PARIS ACCORDS. FONMIN REITERATED SUPPORT FOR NATO AS AN INSTRUMENT OF PEACE IN WHICH NETHERLANDS CAN HAVE CONTINUING INFLUENCE, SHOWED NO CONCERN OVER INSTITUTIONALIZING EUROPEAN SUMMIT MEETINGS, AND COMMENTED ON NPT RATIFICATION, MBFR, CSCE AND PLO.

2. VIET-NAM-- RESPONDING TO LEFT WING CLAMOR OF PREVIOUS DAY (REFTEL) FOR RECOGNITION OF PRG, VAN DER STOEL FLATLY STATED THAT GON WAS NOT PREPARED TO TAKE SUCH ACTION. TO DO SO WOULD IN ITSELF DO DAMAGE TO PARIS ACCORDS, IN THAT IT WOULD IMPLY A DIVISION OF SOUTH VIET-NAME. TICKING OFF BASIC STANDARDS FOR RECOGNITION-- ONE COUNTRY, ONE CAPITAL, ONE GOVERNMENT -- FONMIN TOLD CHAMBER THAT PRG COULD LAY CLAIM TO CONTROLLING NO MORE THAN 2.3 MILLION OF THE SOME 20 MILLION SOUTH VIETNAMESE, REST OF WHOM UNDER CONTROL OF SAIGON. STATEMENT PROVOKED SHOUTING MATCH WITH COMMUNIST BAKKER WHO QUESTIONED ACCURACY OF FIGURES. FONMIN SAID THEY WERE FROM DUTCH EMBASSY WHOSE SOURCES WERE NOT THE RVN. BAKKER REPLIED THEY MUST THEN BE FROM USG.

3. IN AN ATTEMPT TO PACIFY AN INCREASINGLY RESTIVE LEFT WING ON VIET-NAM, INCLUDING THOSE IN HIS OWN PARTY, VAN DER STOEL ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD BE INSTRUCTING HIS AMBASSADORS IN PARIS AND PEKING (ACCREDITED TO HANOI) TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH PRG TO ENCOURAGE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF PARIS ACCORDS. STRESSING THAT SUCH CONTACTS WOULD NOT IMPLY RECOGNITION, VAN DER STOEL NEVERTHELESS MANAGED FOR THE MOMENT TO AVOID FURTHER CRITICISM FROM THE LEFT. IN RESPONSE TO LIBERAL PARTY SPOKESMAN DE KOSTER'S SUGGESTION THAT IT WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE COORDINATE SUCH EFFORTS WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF EC, FONMIN SAID THAT HE WOULD INDEED SEEK TO WIN SUPPORT FROM NINE WHICH COULD LEAD TO JOINT ACTION. FONMIN ALSO REJECTED FAR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEFT PROPOSAL TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH LON NOL GOVT IN CAMBODIA.

4. NATO -- CALLING ALLIANCE AN INSTRUMENT FOR PEACE, FONMIN SAID THAT GON HAD OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE AN ACTIVE PEACE POLICY WITHIN NATO, AND COULD BE AN EFFECTIVE CRITIC FROM WITHIN. "OUR POLICY OF DETENTE ONLY STANDS A CHANCE WITHIN NATO, NOBODY WOULD HEAR OUR VOICE IN THE JUNGLE".

INSIDE THE ALLIANCE, HOLLAND CAN MAKE ITS INFLUENCE FELT IN OPPOSING DEVELOPMENT OF MINI-NUKES, CREATION OF A EUROPEAN NUCLEAR FORCE AND AN EXPANSION OF NATO TREATY AREA. IN RESPONDING TO CRITICISM OF CCMS AS AN ATTEMPT BY THE ALLIANCE AND PARTICULARLY US TO BROADEN ITS TRADITIONAL POLITICAL-MILITARY ROLE, HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PROGRAM HAD RECEIVED ITS INITIAL IMPETUS FROM USG, BUT SAID THAT IT HAD BEEN OF SOME VALUE. FINANCIAL COST OF PROGRAM WAS OF NO CONCERN SINCE IT MOSTLY BORNE BY PILOT COUNTRIES.

5. EUROPEAN INTEGRATION -- GON STANDS, AS IT HAS FOR YEARS, BEHIND CONTINUING EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND CREATION OF MEANINGFUL EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS. EUROPEAN REGIONAL FUND COULD BEGIN OPERATING SOON. FONMIN DID NOT EXPECT THIS ISSUE TO ARISE AGAIN AT NEXT SUMMIT, AND AS FAR AS NETHERLANDS CONCERNED FINAL DECISION COULD BE TAKEN NEXT WEEK IN BRUSSELS. FONMIN NOT CONCERNED OVER TRI-ANNUAL EUROPEAN SUMMITS, NOR OVER POSSIBILITY THAT PRIMIN WOULD BE ENCRECHING ON FONMIN'S AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY. RESPONDING TO D'66 SPOKESMAN VAN MIERLO, WHO QUESTIONED US COMMITMENT TO EUROPEAN INTEGRATION, VAN DER STOEL SAID THAT US SUPPORT FOR UNITED EUROPE HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED YEARS AGO, AND HAD NOT CHANGED. CONSULTATION BETWEEN EC AND US WAS WORKING VERY WELL.

6. DISARMAMENT -- GON NOTE ON DISARMAMENT SHOULD BE READY FOR PRESENTATION TO SECOND CHAMBER THIS SPRING. DUTCH ARE PREPARED TO RATIFY NPT, BUT RATIFICATION BY ALL FIVE EURATOM COUNTRIES AT SAME TIME WOULD HAVE MORE EFFECT. DUTCH HOPE THAT ITALIANS WILL MOVE RAPIDLY ON ISSUE.

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7. BFR -CSCE -- FONMIN RATHER PESSIMISTIC OVER CSCE, BUT GON STILL HOPES THAT CONFERENCE CAN BE COMPLETED THIS YEAR. SOVIET ATTITUDE HAD BEEN DISAPPOINTING OF LATE, AND FINAL RESULT WILL NOT BE WHAT HAD BEEN HOPED FOR. SETTING A TIME LIMIT FOR COMPLETING MBFR NEGOTIATIONS WOULD NOT BE USEFUL TO WEST. CHAMBER SHOULD NOT EXPECT RAPID CONCLUSION OF MBFR, BUT HOPEFULLY SOME RESULTS CAN BE SHOWN IN 1976.

8. PLO -- GON RECOGNIZED PLO AS AN IMPORTANT REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, BUT DOES NOT RECOGNIZE IT AS SOLE REPRESENTATIVE. GON CANNOT RECOGNIZE PLO IN ANY FORMAL SENSE UNTIL LATTER AGREES RECOGNIZE EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL. GOULD

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